BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER

AGENDA REVIEW	April 23, 2014
BOARD MEETING	May 6, 2014
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SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	ALL
DEPARTMENT	MENTAL HEALTH
SUBJECT	Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health to enter into agreements with College Health IPA (CHIPA), Managed Health Network Inc. (MHN), and Molina Healthcare of California Partner Plan, Inc. (Molina), for reimbursement of Specialty Mental Health Services funded by Medicare to members enrolled in the Cal MediConnect Program in Los Angeles County.
PROGRAM	Older Adults
DEADLINES	ASAP
COST & FUNDING	Health Plans will be paying DMH for Medicare eligible services provided to beneficiaries in the Cal MediConnect Program.
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	DMH is seeking Board's approval to enter into agreements that have been developed by CHIPA, MHN, and Molina to receive reimbursement for mental health services funded by Medicare to members enrolled in the Cal MediConnect Program in Los Angeles County. Under each agreement, DMH is required to meet certain obligations such as credentialing, prior authorizations, and quality management.
SUMMARY/ ISSUES (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; prior accomplishments; and for BLs involving contracts, also note changes to the contract term.)	The Cal MediConnect is a three-year demonstration program for coverage of individuals with eligibility for both Medicare and Medi-Cal. The purpose of the program is to develop a seamless system of care coordination and care management for beneficiaries that will enroll in the program effective April 1, 2014. Board approval of recommended actions will allow DMH to expedite the process of executing agreements, once they are finalized, with CHIPA, MHN, and Molina to: 1) meet Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and California Department of Health Care Services (CDHCS) requirements to coordinate and integrate services to beneficiaries who meet medical necessity criteria for specialty mental health services; and 2) receive Medicare reimbursement from CHIPA, MHN, and Molina for the provision of Specialty Mental Health Services funded by Medicare for beneficiaries participating in the Cal MediConnect program.
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